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TOPIC Mtz Rifle Div SchwerinEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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1. At roll calls, the following number of personnel fell in at the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock between 12 February and 12 March 1955:

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Date	Number of Officers	Number of NCOs and EM
12 February	233	786
15 February	197	732
18 February	203	766
10 March	243	812
12 March	208	809

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2. In early March, the regiment included the following officers:

Colonel Kunisch	commanding officer of the regiment
Captain Sidek	commanding officer of the 1st Bn
Captain Dannemann	commanding officer of the 2d Bn
Captain Ross	commanding officer of the 3d Bn
Captain Beu	commanding officer of the regimental school
Captain Seidel	
Senior Lieutenant Stein	} chiefs of the regimental units
Senior Lieutenant Kaufmann	
Senior Lieutenant Leuschner	
Senior Lieutenant Gottschalk	
Lieutenant Knoll	

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3. In early March, the equipment of the regiment included the following heavy weapons and trucks:

12 x 45-mm AT guns, 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 22 mortars, 6 SP guns, 6 armored personnel carriers, which arrived in February, 80 trucks and 2 repair shop trucks.

4. During the second half of February, night exercises of the individual battalions and the regimental school were held in the Bad Doberan and Graal/Mueritz areas. The exercises also involved the independent companies of the regiment.

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regimental school remained in the installation. At 1800 on 14 March, the regiment~~al~~ was alerted and left for the Hagenow area at 1930. The first 50 km were covered on foot. The units were equipped with 48 trucks for personnel, 9 field kitchens, 6 heavy mortars, 10 x 45-mm AT guns, 9 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 SP guns and 6 armored personnel carriers. Between 1800 and 1930 on 16 March,<sup>3</sup> the regiment returned to the installation in three columns.

6. Between 17 and 18 March, tactical exercises for field-grade officers were held in Sassnitz on Ruegen Island. Officers of the 2d Mtz Rifle Rifle Regt also participated.
7. Beginning in early March, courses on atomic defense were held for Officers and NCOs. A leaflet with the title "Merkheft DV 1-54" was used for the instruction.
8. Approximately 20 percent of the personnel of the regiment will have completed their term of service in May. An attempt is being made to induce these soldiers to reenlist. Since February, up to 6 recruits daily arrived for the regiment. The total number of recruits who arrived until late March could not be determined.<sup>1</sup> and <sup>5</sup>

9. In mid-January, the former Hagenow airfield was for the first time utilized by KVP units for training purposes. [redacted] a KVP unit with 5 armored scout cars and approximately 10 trucks was detrained at the Hagenow-Land railroad station on 6 February.<sup>4</sup>

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10. Between 5 and 22 March, a KVP column of some 50 trucks with approximately 500 men was repeatedly seen coming from the direction of Schwerin in the evening. The column was allegedly joined by a Soviet column near the Flugplatz Kaserne. [redacted] the column alternately went to the Ludwigslust area or toward Boizenburg. It was noted that driving discipline was excellent.<sup>4</sup>

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8 February. An undetermined load on 30 flatcars and 11 boxcars and converted boxcars which left on 9 February.<sup>4</sup>

12. Between 28 February and 6 April, some 40 guns including 76.2-mm field guns towed by trucks and KVP soldiers who received instruction on about 8 T-34/85 tanks, were repeatedly seen in the area of the former KDF Bad Prora; some 50 trucks and approximately 20 pontoons with bottoms up were seen at the engineer parking lot northwest of the main guard point. On 6 April, 30 KVP soldiers wearing red boiler patches left Bergen aboard the fast train to Stralsund. [redacted] the <sup>6</sup>detail belonged to a military band from Prora, which went to Rostock.

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4. Comment. The training area for the Mtz Rifle Div Schwerin is apparently located in the Hagenow - Ludwigslust - Boizenburg area. The village of Pritzler, which is located in this area, was repeatedly reported as loading station. It was also reported from other division areas that Soviet units participated in KVP exercises, presumably for demonstration purposes.

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